

EDITORIAL



Will It Be Taft In '52?

There won't be another Presidential election until 1952. But next year's Congressional elections will hold far more importance than they usually do, as an indication of what is to come, and as a test of power between strongly divergent philosophies of government.

The main interest will center in Ohio, where Senator Taft will run again. This contest will have a truly national significance. For Taft has clearly proven himself to be the most adroit and effective opponent of President Truman.

As everyone knows, the Truman legislative program has fallen on evil days. He lost out completely on his request for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. He will get only a small part of his all-inclusive social security program. The chance of the Columbia Valley Administration being approved by this Congress is so slim as to be almost non-existent. His ideas on tax increases have found deaf ears in Congress. His leaders have been out-manuevered time and time again.

Senator Taft has not done all this alone by any means, but he has been the leading spirit. It is not remarkable that a large group of Washington correspondents, of all political views, recently voted overwhelmingly for Taft when they were asked to name the ablest senator. He has few equals as a parliamentarian. Perhaps no one

now in Washington has so wide a knowledge of the complex workings of the government. He is famous for tenacity, and he can be a very tough man when Republicans show signs of wavering on policy. He frankly wants to be President, and twice tried for the nomination.

Joseph Alsop writes, "Immense forces will be rallied for this Ohio struggle. The labor groups will put everything they have into the effort to defeat Taft... Businessmen all over the country are already laying the cash on the line to aid the Taft campaign." It is expected that the Senator will actually start campaigning very soon—more than a year before the election. Ohio is as perfect a state as exists for a great test of this kind. It has a big population, a large electoral college vote, and it has always been a pivotal state. It has large labor groups and large agricultural and business groups as well. It is normally Republican, but not invariably so—last year it went for Truman, and elected a Democratic governor.

If Taft loses to an opponent running on the Truman platform, his wing of the Republican party, which is the only wing that has taken strong issue with the Administration, will receive a body-blow setback. If he wins, he will have the inside track for the 1952 GOP nomination, and those who hold similar beliefs will take new heart, in the opinion of The Industrial News Review.



RENT CONTROL REMAINS

Forget the rumor that rent control is a thing of the past. It all started when a federal district judge in Chicago held that the entire decontrol act is not constitutional because of "delegation by authority" by congress of its powers in these matters.

That ruling local rent administrators say, will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme court and will take from eight months to two years to be acted upon.

In the meantime there will be rent control "as usual" in the control areas of Oregon not decontrolled by local councils and the governor. It is mandatory that the federal expeditor sign such requests for decontrol.

SIMPLIFY GAME CODE
Just as they were last year, fishermen are cussing the complicated and baffling presentment of the fishing laws that should be clear and brief.

"It takes more time to study and diagnose the fishing rules than it does to make all other arrangements for a fishing trip."

"But there's a good time coming." They should run a page of the rules at a time in the newspapers instead of crossword puzzles. There is little wonder why the legislature called for a new deal.

ON FLIGHT TO GERMANY
L. Farley Mogan, chief of Salem state police headquarters, left by plane Saturday for Berlin to serve as a special adviser to German police administrators. Mogan received his special orders

brains of a nation. The strong are brought down to the level of the weak. All history shows that the "masses" who have been led by the economic planners to believe that their standard of living would be bettered, sooner or later, have learned that when initiative and incentive are stifled—when the creators are destroyed or rendered impotent—they, the "masses", are the principal sufferers.

When all classes have been cut down to the one level, and that level begins to sink lower and lower, along comes a Hitler to the rescue (?). With his coming, what slight vestige of freedom that may have remained to the individual under the paternal government set up by the economic planners, vanishes into thin air, and real misery becomes the unhappy lot of the people.

In recent years our own national capital has been loaded to the gunwales with economic planners. First it was the depression, next the outbreak of war in Europe, then our entrance into the war, as pretexts to have the government socialize business and industry. With the horrible example of what the economic planners did to Germany starving us in the face, are we going to permit the American species of the same breed to do the same devastating thing to America?

Are the past 173 years, during which we climbed higher than has any nation in world history, to be written into the history books of the future as just another sad story of a people having grown tired of responsibility and freedom, and throwing those precious things away? That is exactly what "Planned Economy" will do to us if we allow its champions to have their way. The 81st Congress has a duty to send these "Economic Planners" scooting from Washington.

30 YEARS AGO

Hepner Gazette Times, August 7, 1919

S. E. Van Vactor, local attorney, has purchased seven acres of land from H. A. Yoakum on upper Willow creek and expects to build a summer cottage there. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McMennamin in this city Tuesday, August 4. This is their fourth girl.

L. W. Briggs has taken a position with the Phelps Grocery company. Mr. Briggs is an experienced salesman, having followed that work in times past.

Miss Lucille Elder left on Sunday for Astoria to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vance. She will spend some time at Seaside.

Jeff Jones' wheat has been arriving at the local warehouse during the past few days. It is of Turkey Red variety and of number one quality.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huston of Eight Mile were in Hepner last Friday. He and his family have just returned from an extensive trip into the John Day country

and on to Malheur and Harney counties.

Dean T. Goodman, formerly transportation expert with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co in Portland, has purchased an interest in the Hepner Garage and that firm will hereafter conduct the business as Vaughn & Goodman.

Kenneth Mahoney and Miss Josephine Richardson were married in Portland last Sunday evening and are now enjoying a two weeks honeymoon in Seattle before returning to Hepner to make their home.

A carload of trout fry was received in Hepner from the state fish car last Monday night. The fish were shipped in cans and placed in four trucks and taken to the waters of upper Willow creek.

The new two-story business block which is being constructed for the pioneer firm of Gilliam & Bisbee on the southeast corner of Main and May, is rising rapidly under the supervision of Contractor T. G. Denissee.

ists honesty of purpose and a sincere desire to establish a society in which all will be happy and content. For the avowed "Economic Planner", on the other hand, the same can not be said, for he or she knows that economic planning involves collectivism, the stepping-stone to dictatorship.

The socialist is not subtle. He may be a bit hazy about just how the wealth is going to be distributed and who is going to do the distributing, but no one can misunderstand his aims and objectives. The economic planner or collectivist cunningly hides his aims and objectives. He uses different methods. First he sneers at business and business men, attempting to arouse the public against the so-called vested interests.

When the general public has come to believe that all business is dishonest and every business man is a crook, he engineers legislation putting shackles on business. The next step is to tax business so high that finally in hopeless resignation, it surrenders, throws up its hands, saying: "Here are the keys. Come take the business!"

The world trend toward economic planning, or to call it by its right name—socialism—is not new. The Hitlers and the Mussolinis were not new species of the human family. Throughout history there have been times, many of them, when men became afraid of freedom, and at such times a Hitler or a Mussolini came along to save (?) them from themselves.

The planned economist plans for a state in which all shall be subservient to the state. He paints a rosy picture of the happy, prosperous conditions under which all the people will live when the government plans their every action—when the general populace will respond like so many robots to the every caprice of the despotic bureaucrats. Now, the unfortunate part of such a scheme of things, is that it robotizes those members of society who should not be robotized. It renders inactive all the creative

ECONOMIC PLANNERS

By GEORGE PECK
The term "Planned Economy" is nothing but camouflage—a smoke-screen for socialism. The approach toward "Planned Economy" may be slightly different but inevitably it gets onto the same road, and arrives at the goal of socialism. There it rests for a short breathing spell, only to resume its journey to dictatorship.

However, there is a world of difference between planned economists and socialists. No matter how mistaken the latter may be, we must attribute to most social-

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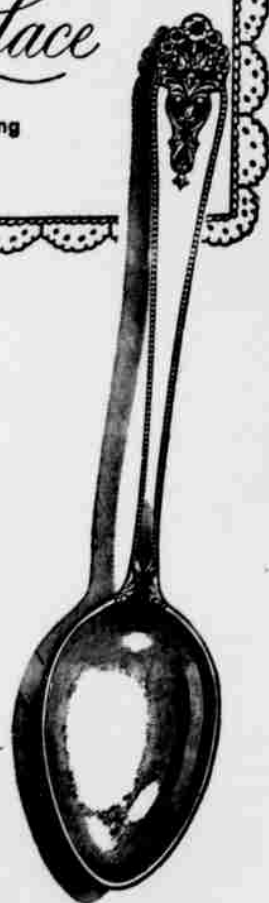
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Thursday from the assistant to the secretary of the army department, and will spend 36 hours in Washington, D. C. consulting with army officials on the detail of his assignment which will be for 60 days. Retired as a lieutenant colonel in August, 1947, Mogan served on the staffs of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lucius Clay. He was chief of public safety for the U. S. allied military government and head of the German civil police department from VE-day until the summer of 1947.

THE \$7000 QUESTION
Could you hide \$7000 in a car so a detective couldn't find it? That's what four pinball hijackers did at the state capital and got away with it, and thousands more. It's all over now so one of the four told a capital detective all about it.

They knew how the machines were made. Casually they would meet, play and hit the jackpot whenever they wanted to. Their program was to drill a small hole in the machine with a hand-drill. Insert a wire tripping the coin pot. Then the drilled hole was plugged and covered with soft moulding clay carried in various colors to conform to the color of the machine.

The four operators were taken into custody on a vagrancy charge last year by a Salem detective who knew of their handiwork and was sure they must possess a large sum of money. Their automobile, with a California license, was the likely hiding place. The police practically took the car apart, but all they could find was \$55 in nickels.

They could not be held long on the vagrancy charge and were released. One of the quartette returned this week and met the detective who had searched the car.

"It's all over now," the sad to the detective, "so I'll tell you where we hid the money."

"You certainly didn't have it in the car," the detective said.

"We did have it in the car," the man said. "It was in the gas tank and there was over \$7000 of it."

He added that because they were afraid to drive the car to California, it was run into a covered van. The van, driven by a cooperative acquaintance, took the car to Los Angeles where the gas tank was opened. It was so full of nickels, dimes, quarters and half-dollars that it would take only seven gallons of gasoline.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of S. J. Devine, deceased, has filed her final account with the Probate Court of

the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, and said Court has set Monday, the 8th day of August, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the County Court Room of the Morrow County Court House, as the time and place for hearing on and final settlement of said final account. All persons having objections to said final account are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the date set for said hearing. Dated and first published this 7th day of July, 1949.

MARY PEARL DEVINE
Administratrix of the estate of S. J. Devine, deceased.
J. O. Turner, attorney for administratrix. 16-20

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